

SHINING TIME STATION

"THE TV JEEBES"

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SCENE 1
(MAINSET)

(ON AN ARCHED WINDOW LEDGE, MR. CONDUCTOR APPEARS. HE FILLS HIS LUNGS WITH THE AIR OF A GORGEOUS DAY)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

Ah... what a perfect day!

(SOMETHING GETS HIS ATTENTION)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

Hello, what's this?

(HE JUMPS DOWN)

(DAN AND BECKY ARE BY STACY'S DESK)

BECKY:

Let's go see Mr.
Malarkey's Traveling
Zoo.

DAN:

Let's go to the baseball
card show.

BECKY:

...traveling zoo...

DAN:

...baseball card show..

BECKY:

...zoo...

DAN:

...show...

BECKY:

Zoo!

SCENE 1 (CONT'D)

DAN:

Show!

O.S. VOICE:

HEEEEEY!

(THE KIDS LOOK AROUND AND THEN LOOK DOWN. MR. CONDUCTOR IS STANDING BETWEEN THEM. HE GOES INTO A BROAD JUMP CROUCH AND... JUMPS ONTO THE COUNTER)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

What are you both arguing about and why are you still inside on a beautiful day like this?

BECKY:

We were deciding where we should go. I think we should go to the traveling zoo.

DAN:

I think we should go the baseball card show.

MR. CONDUCTOR:

Why don't you put it to a vote?

DAN:

...okay.

BECKY:

All in favor of going to the amazing, wonderful exciting traveling zoo say "aye." ...AYE!

SCENE 1 (CONT'D)

DAN:

All in favor of going to
the greatest baseball
card show in the world --
where I hope to get a
Dave Winfield -- say
"aye." ...AYE!

(ENTER KARA)

KARA:

Hi...

BECKY:

Kara, do you want to go
to the traveling zoo
with me?

DAN:

Do you want to the
baseball card show with
me?

KARA:

I want to go on a canoe
trip.

DAN & BECKY:

Oh...

MR. CONDUCTOR:

It's all settled then:
You go to the zoo, you go
to the baseball card show
and Kara can go on a
canoe trip. You don't
always have to do the
same thing.

BECKY, DAN & KARA:

Yeah!

SCENE 1 (CONT'D)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

By the way, Becky, the zoo you're going to, would that be Mr. Malarkey's Traveling Zoo which travels from here to Timbucktoo?

BECKY:

Yes...where is Timbucktoo?

KARA:

I'll look it up on the atlas.

(KARA RUNS INTO BILLY'S OFFICE TO GET THE ATLAS)

BECKY:

You just have to mention someplace Kara doesn't know and she runs to the atlas to look it up.

DAN:

Kara loves looking up places on the atlas.

(KARA RETURNS WITH THE ATLAS. SHE LOOKS THE WORD UP IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK THEN TURNS THE PAGES)

KARA:

Timbucktoo...

(C/A: MAP OF AFRICA;
DAN'S FINGER POINTING)

DAN (V.O.):

There is it. Timbucktoo.

BECKY (V.O.):

That's far away.

SCENE 1 (CONT'D)

KARA (V.O.):

It's in Africa. I want
to go there one day.

(MR. CONDUCTOR LOOK AT HIS WATCH)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

Whoops. It's later than
I thought. I must go far
away myself...

KARA:

Can you tell us a story
first?

MR. CONDUCTOR:

I have some very serious,
very adult and very tiny
railroad business to
attend to. THEN I'll
tell you a story.

BECKY:

Okay.

MR. CONDUCTOR:

It's a date. I'll catch
up to you over by the old
fairgrounds.

(MR. CONDUCTOR DISAPPEARS)

(SCHEMER BOUND INTO THE ARCADE,
WHERE WE SEE THREE LARGE BOXES
ARRANGED IN A ROW)

SCHEMER:

They've arrived. At
last!

(HE LOOKS AROUND TO SEE IF HE'S
GOTTEN ANYONE'S ATTENTION. THE
KIDS ARE TALKING TOGETHER)

SCENE 1 (CONT'D)

SCHEMER (cont'd):
(LOUDER)

Everybody is going to want to know what is in these boxes. It's treasure, I tell you!

(HE LOOKS OVER AGAIN)
(NO REACTION)

SCHEMER:

I hate to have to share this.

(HE LOOKS OVER AGAIN)
(NO REACTION)

SCHEMER:

But share I must...

(HE LOOKS OVER AGAIN)
(THE KIDS ARE STILL UNAWARE OF SCHEMER)

SCHEMER:

HEY!

(THE KIDS LOOK OVER AND WALK OVER)

KARA:

Hi Schemer. What's in the boxes?

SCHEMER:

Wouldn't YOU like to know...

BECKY:

Okay..If you don't want to tell us...

(THEY START TO EXIT)

SCENE 1 (CONT'D)

SCHEMER:

Hey, where are you going?

DAN:

Out.

SCHEMER:

Out!!! What are you
going OUT for?

BECKY:

There's a traveling
zoo...

DAN:

...a baseball card
show...

KARA:

...special canoe rides...

SCHEMER:

Never mind that stuff.
You wont want to go
ANYWHERE when you learn
what's in these boxes.

DAN:

Okay, what's in the boxes?

SCHEMER:

The best thing you could
ever imagine. Think
now... in the whole wide
world. What does
everybody love the most?

KARA:

Their mothers?

SCENE 1 (CONT'D)

SCHEMER:

NO!....Look...here.
Mothers don't come in a
box...do they? NO! They
don't.

DAN:

Baseball stuff?

SCHEMER:

NO!

BECKY:

...Apple pie?

SCHEMER:

NO NO NO! What's the
matter with you people?
Are you living in this
century or what! Every-
body's first love is--

(SCHEMER PULLS OFF THE BOX TO
REVEAL A TV, ATTACHED TO A SEAT)

...television.

DAN, KARA & BECKY:

Oh.

SCHEMER:

Oh. Is that all you can
say is "oh"

KARA:

Television is no big deal
Schemer.

SCHEMER:

"...no big deal Schemer."
Wait till you see these
televisions.

SCENE 1 (CONT'D)

DAN:

What's so great about
these televisions?

SCHEMER:

They're PAY televisions,
that's what's so great
about these televisions.
And they come with their
own chairs!

(STACY ENTERS HEADING TOWARDS HER
BOOTH. THE KIDS MEET HER HALF-
WAY)

STACY:

Hi everybody. It's such
a beautiful day, I
thought you'd all be
outside. There's so much
going on today...

DAN:

We are Aunt Stacy.

BECKY:

Schemer's just showing us
the new TV's he got.

STACY:

TV's...well, don't take
too long.

KARA:

We won't.

SCENE 2
(ARCADE)

(THE KIDS RETURN)
(DURING THAT EXCHANGE, THE THREE
TV'S AND CHAIRS WERE SET UP)

SCHEMER:

There are over 600
channels to choose from.
Sit.

(THE KIDS SIT)

(SCHEMER STANDS BEHIND THEM WITH
THE REMOTE CONTROL, TAPPING THE
BUTTON)

SCHEMER:

See...channels
1,2,3,4,5,6...something
for everybody. Here's an
interesting channel...

KARA:

What is that?

BECKY:

It looks like the tops of
trees.

SCHEMER:

That's the all forest
ranger station channel.
You can watch the tops of
trees alllllll day.
That's pretty great, huh?

(SCHEMER KEEPS RUNNING CHANNELS)

DAN:

What's that?

KARA:

Looks like kids sleeping.

SCENE 2 (CONT'D)

SCHEMER:

That's the all napping channel. You get to stay awake and watch other kids taking a naps.

BECKY:

Schemer, this is dumb.

KARA:

Yeah...let's go out...

(THEY START TO LEAVE, BUT THEIR EYES STILL WATCH.)

SCHEMER:

(SEDUCTIVELY)

Wait, wait, wait...I've saved the best. Look at THISSSSS channel...

(THEY STOP)

SCHEMER:

It's the all MONKEY channel. Nothing but monkeys, monkeys, monkeys...

(THEY START TO DRIFT BACK)

SCHEMER:

Or this...the all Saturday morning cartoon shows going all day long channel.

(THEY SLIP BACK INTO THEIR CHAIRS)

SCHEMER:

Or THIS...This is MYYYY personal favorites...the toy commercial channel...

(THEY SIT SOMEWHAT TRANSMUTED.
SCHEMER HAS A REMOTE CONTROL TO EACH)

SCENE 2 (CONT'D)

SCHEMER:
(SERPENTINE)

There...isn't that
wonderful? Aren't you
happy?

(THE KIDS STARE AT THE LITTLE TV'S
AND BEGIN, REMOTE CONTROLS ON HIGH,
PUSHING THE BUTTONS)

SCENE 3
(INT.JUKEBOX)

TITO:

Is it just me or has
there been a definite
lack of music in
everyone's life?

GRACE:

Usually by this time we
already played or four
songs.

DIDI:

I'm afraid our little
pals up there might be
getting stuck to the
screen.

TITO:

Locked to the box.

GRACE:

Glued to the tube.

DIDI:

Then let's break the
mood.

TITO:

Shall we play a little
ditty?

GRACE:

Something hot but kinda
pretty.

(INTO: PUPPET SONG)

SCENE 3 (CONT'D)

PUPPET SONG :

(AT THE END THEY ALL LOOK UP
TOWARDS THE KIDS FOR A FEW BEATS.)

SCENE 4
(ARCADE)

(THE KIDS ARE STILL ZONED OUT
WATCHING THEIR SEPARATE TV'S)

SFX: OUTSIDE COMMOTION

(BILLY ENTERS STATION)

BILLY:

Hey everybody, you have
to come outside and see
this.

STACY:

What is it Billy?

BILLY:

You just have to see for
yourself...

(BILLY AND STACY EXIT)

(THE KIDS CONTINUE TO BE TRANS-
FIXED)

(BILLY RETURNS)

BILLY:
Dan, Becky, Kara. Come
on out here...the goats
got lose from Mr.
Malarkey's traveling zoo
and they all hopped up on
the tops of cars and now
everybody has a goat
standing on the top of
their car. You have to
see it...

KARA:

(ABSENT-MINDED)

...as...soon...as...this
...show
is...over...Billy...

BILLY:

You're going to miss it!

SCENE 4 (CONT'D)

KARA:
(ABSENT-MINDED)

they'll...have...it...
on...TeeVee...

(BILLY SHAKES HIS HEAD IN DISAP-
POINTMENT AND EXITS)

SCENE 5
(ARCADE/MAINSET)

(TIME HAS PASSED. KIDS CONTINUE TO WATCH TV)

(MR. CONDUCTOR ENTERS STATION.
SEES THE KIDS)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

You're still here?

(MR. CONDUCTOR CROSSES TO THEM)

I was waiting for you. I
thought we had a date.

(THE KIDS CONTINUE TO WATCH)

(MR. CONDUCTOR JUMPS UP AND STANDS FIRST IN FRONT OF BECKY'S TV, PARTIALLY BLOCKING IT. MR. CONDUCTOR TRIES TO MAKE EYE CONTACT. BECKY KEEPS LOOKING AROUND HIM.)

MR. (CONT'D):

We were going to meet
outside...

(MR. CONDUCTOR JUMPS IN FRONT OF DAN'S TV. SAME THING: DAN TRIES TO LOOK AROUND HIM)

MR. C (CONT'D):

I was going to tell you a
story...

(MR. CONDUCTOR JUMPS IN FRONT OF KARA'S TV. SAME THING)

MR. C (CONT'D):

Oh look...there's a seven
ton elephant over there
trying to climb into a
pair of my pants...what
do you know...

(NO RESPONSE)

SCENE 5 (CONT'D)

(MR. CONDUCTOR WAVES HIS ARMS AND
THE THREE SETS SHUT OFF)

KARA:

Oh, hi, Mr. Conductor.

BECKY:

Did you just say
something about an
elephant in here?

MR. CONDUCTOR:

I came back here to tell
you a story.

ALL:

Great...good.

MR. CONDUCTOR:

Not here. Over there.
These things are starting
to give me the willies.

(MR. CONDUCTOR JUMPS UP ON DAN'S
SHOULDER)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

Steady, Dan.

(MR. CONDUCTOR RIDES ON DAN'S
SHOULDER LIKE A SURF BOARD)

(THEY GO TO THE DESK. MR. CONDUCTOR JUMPS DOWN)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

Now that I have your
undivided attention...

SCENE 6

(VT: TTE #19)

SCENE 7
(MAINSET/ARCADE)

(BILLY IS LISTENING TO STORY, BUT
THE KIDS ARE GONE)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

...sometimes the only
thing you CAN do is
laugh.

BILLY:

I know what you mean.

MR. CONDUCTOR:

Hey...where are Becky,
Kara and Dan?

BILLY:

They're back over there
watching more television.

MR. CONDUCTOR:

...they like television
more than my stories...

(MR. CONDUCTOR LOWERS HIS HEAD AND
SLOWLY WALKS AWAY AND VANISHES)

BILLY:

Mr. Conductor, wait...

(ENTER STACY. SHE LOOK TOWARDS
ARCADE)

STACY:

That's it. I'm going to
go tell those kids if
they watch anymore
television their eye's
start spinning around in
their heads. They are
wasting too much time.

SCENE 7 (CONT'D)

BILLY:

Wait...Sometimes the best
lessons are the ones you
learn by yourself.

STACY:

Do you think they'll grow
tired of it?

BILLY:

I think so. You can't
beat Real Life...look...

(DAVE WINFIELD ENTERS AND LOOKS
AROUND. HE ROAMS OVER)

BILLY:

You're Dave Winfield, the
baseball player, aren't
you?

DAVE WINFIELD:

Yes, I am. I was looking
for the baseball card
show. I want to get a
Ken Griffy Jr. Could you
give me directions?

STACY:

Well, do you see that boy
over there, I think he
might know.

(DAVE WINFIELD GOES OVER TO ARCADE.
HE LOWERS HIMSELF ON ONE KNEE. DAN
IS LOST IN THE TV)

DAVE WINFIELD:

Excuse me. Could you
tell me where I could
find the baseball card
show. I'm supposed to be
there and I lost my
directions.

SCENE 7 (CONT'D)

(DAN LOOKS SLOWLY AND BLANKLY AT DAVE THEN LOOKS AT HIS REMOTE CONTROL)

DAN:

Hey neat! I got Dave Winfield on channel 202.

DAVE WINFIELD:

No, I'm not on TV, I'm right here. Next to you.

DAN:

(TO KARA)

Put on channel 202 and you can hear Dave Winfield. He's the best...

KARA:

I'm watching the all-monkey channel.

(DAVE WINFIELD CROSSES BACK TO ENTRANCE, SHRUGS AND EXITS)

(KARA LOOKS AT BECKY'S SCREEN)

KARA:

What are you watching?

BECKY:

The all toy commercial channel.

DAN:

What channel is that?

BECKY:

Channel 400.

DAN:

Oh look...

VIDEO: "TOY COMMERCIAL"

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SCENE 8

(TOY COMMERCIAL)

(THE ANNOUNCER'S VOICE HAS THAT MENACING GRAVELY TONE OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING AND MONSTER TRUCK PULL COMMENTATORS.)

(THE FOOTAGE COULD BE LIFTED FROM A JAPANESE MONSTER MOVIE: TERRIFIED CITIZENS POINTING TO, SCREAMING AT AND FLEEING FROM UNSEEN TERROR.)

(SOUNDTRACK HAS SCREAMING, ROARING AND EXPLOSIONS THROUGHOUT.)

EXT. CITY - DAY

(CITIZENS FLEEING)

ANNOUNCER:

He's biiiiig...he's
baaaaack and he's lookin'
for somethin'...He's
Johnny Tarantula...

(LOOMING OVER A BUILDING, FADED OR CUT INTO THIS FOOTAGE, IS JOHNNY TARANTULA -- THE HEAD OF A TOY HULK HOGAN-TYPE FIGURE AND A BODY MADE FROM A COOTIE SOMEWHAT MODIFIED.)

ANNOUNCER:

He's half boy.
He's half spider.
He's all indestructible!

(THE ARMY FIRING A BATTERY OF CANNONS.)

ANNOUNCER:

Nothing can stop him.

(CRAWLING VERY QUICKLY OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE.)

ANNOUNCER:

He's powerBUG,
He's wildMAN and...

(JOHNNY TARANTULA STOPS, COCKS HIS HAD THIS WAY AND THAT.)

SCENE 8 (CONT'D)

ANNOUNCER:

He's looking for
somethin'...

INTERIOR ROOM

(AN INTERIOR WINDOW OF A HOTEL APARTMENT. JOHNNY TARANTULA'S LARGE FACE APPEARS LOOKING IN THE WINDOW.)

ANNOUNCER:

What is he looking for?
Maybe he's looking for
someone to be his pal.

(JOHNNY TARANTULA MOVES ON.)

EXTERIOR CITY

(JOHNNY TARANTULA PEEKING AROUND SKYSCRAPERS.)

ANNOUNCER:

Get a Johnny Tarantula of your own. He needs a friend and you'll never be lonely or frightened again. Not with Johnny Tarantula on your side.

(JOHNNY TARANTULA STOPS YELLING AND SPITTING FLAMES AT THE PEOPLE BELOW AND TURNS TO CAMERA.)

JOHNNY TARANTULA:

(BRODERICK CRAWFORD-LIKE VOICE)

Will you be my friend?

(A ROCK BOUNCES OFF HIS HEAD AND JOHNNY TARANTULA RESUMES HIS ASSAULT ON THE PEOPLE BELOW.)

ANNOUNCER:

Every REAL boy wants
Johnny Tarantula. Every
DECENT boy deserves one.

SCENE 8 (CONT'D)

(PRODUCT SHOT: JOHNNY TARANTULA NEXT TO THE BOX WHICH DISPLAYS NY HARBOR AND A FEROIOUS JT HALF EMERGED FROM THE WATER AND DWARFING THE BUILDINGS.)

ANNOUNCER (QUICKLY):

Get Johnny Tarantula where ever awesome stuff is sold or to order immediately, dial this special toll free number...

(LOWER 3RD SUPER: #1 800 GET THIS)

ANNOUNCER (QUICKER):

All those buildings and screaming people not included.

SCENE 9
(INT. ARCADE)

DAN:

WOW!!!!...I want a Johnny Tarantula. I'm going to use the money I saved for baseball cards.

(DAN GOES RUNNING TO THE PHONE.
DIALS...)

DAN:

(INTO PHONE)

Hello....Can I get a Johnny Tarantula?

KARA:

He's really ordering a Johnny Tarantula..

BECKY:

I can't believe he's going to waste his money on that...

BECKY:

Oh look...

SCENE 10

VIDEO: MISS FUSSY COMMERCIAL

SCENE 10

(MISSY FUSSY COMMERCIAL)

INT LIVING ROOM - DAY

(AN ADORABLE FIVE-YEAR-OLD WITH CURLY BLONDE HAIR ENTERS A ROOM AND HER EYES SUDDENLY LIGHT UP. SHE RUNS ACROSS THE ROOM. MISSY FUSSY IS SEATED IN A BIG CHAIR.)

YOUNG GIRL:

(SUNG TO 1ST TWO BARS OF FRERE JACQUES)

Miss Fussy
Strong and trust-i
She's the doll
That's just like us-ie

(MISSY FUSSY IS A THREE AND A HALF FOOT TALL 1940'S STYLE CHILD MANNEQUIN)

(THE WOMAN ANNOUNCER HAS A SOFT, WARM, SWEET VOICE.)

MUSIC BOX SOUNDTRACK

(THE CHILD HUGS MISSY FUSSY.)

ANNOUNCER:

Every girl wants Missy Fussy in her home. She's the big adorable baby with so much to say:

MISSY FUSSY:

Did you bring me something today?

ANNOUNCER:

And she needs you...

MISSY FUSSY:

Will you fix my hair now.

(CHILD GETS A BRUSH. AND COMBS.)

SCENE 10 (CONT'D)

ANNOUNCER:

Missy Fussy can say over
a hundred and fifty
things.

MISSY FUSSY:

Can you make me a new
dress? A nice pretty
one?

(THE CHILD NODS YES.)

ANNOUNCER:

You will hardly believe
how lifelike she is.

(CHILD LOOKS THROUGH A SEWING BOX.)

ANNOUNCER:

She says things that
real little girls say...

(THE CHILD IS SEATED SEWING.)

MISSY FUSSY (V.O.):

Change me, hurry.

(THE CHILD QUICKLY PUTS DOWN HER
SEWING AND RUNS TO CHANGE MISSY
FUSSY.)

(THE CHILD AND MISSY FUSSY ARE
SITTING IN A BAY WINDOW TOGETHER.)

ANNOUNCER:

She never runs out of
things to say.

MISSY FUSSY:

Clean up my
room...please.

SCENE 10 (CONT'D)

ANNOUNCER:

You'll never run out of things to do with Missy Fussy around.

(THE CHILD IS CLEANING UP THE ROOM. PICKING CLOTHES OFF OF THE FLOOR.)

(MISSY FUSSY IS SEATED ON the BUREAU.)

MISSY FUSSY:

Take me outside now... please.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

(THE CHILD IS RUNNING ALONG PUSHING MISSY FUSSY IN A STROLLER.)

MISSY FUSSY:

FAster...faster...

(THE CHILD RUNS PAST THE CAMERA HEADING DOWN THE BLOCK.)

EXT. PLAYGROUND

(CHILD IS PUSHING MISSY FUSSY ON A SWING.)

MISSY FUSSY:

What are we having for dessert tonight?

ANNOUNCER:

Missy Fussy. The doll who speaks her mind.

INT. BEDROOM

(THE CHILD PLACES MISSY FUSSY IN A CRIB. TUCKS A BLANKET AROUND MISSY FUSSY.

(THE CHILD, ACTING LIKE A MARRIED MOM, WIPES HER BROW WITH HER WRIST AND OFFERS AN EXHAUSTED BUT PLEASED SMILE.)

SCENE 10 (CONT'D)

CHILD:

Good night, Missy Fussy.
I love you.

(DOORWAY. CHILD TURNS OUT THE ROOM LIGHT AND IS SILHOUETTED IN THE DOORWAY BY A HALL LIGHT.)

MISSY FUSSY:

Leave the hall light
on ... please.

(PRODUCT SHOT SUPERKEY IN THE DARKENED PORTION OF FRAME.)

ANNOUNCER:

Every girl wants Missy
Fussy.

MALE ANNOUNCER:
(QUICKLY)

The size of your
television make
Missy Fussy appear much
larger than she actually
is.

(FADE.)

SCENE 11
(INT. ARCADE/MAINSET)

(BECKY AND KARA EXCHANGE AN EXCITED
LOOK)

KARA & BECKY:

Let's get it!

(THEY RUN TO THE PHONE)

SCENE 12
(MAINSET)

(THE KIDS ARE BACK AT THE TV SETS)

(BILLY AND STACY AT STACY'S DESK)

STACY:

Do you think they've
tired of watching TV yet?

BILLY:

They don't seem to be.

STACY:

It's a wonder their eyes
aren't spinning around in
their heads. I have an
idea! If anything will
get Kara away from the
TV, this will. Come with
me...

(THEY WALK TO THE ARCADE, STAND
BEHIND KARA, AND SPEAK FOR HER
HEARING)

STACY:

Billy, I hear it's a long
way to Tipparary.

(KARA SHOWS A SPARK)

BILLY:

Oh yes. A very long way.
But Stacy, just where is
Tipperary?

(KARA TRIES TO REACT BUT THE PULL
IS TOO STRONG)

STACY:

Gee, I don't know... I
wonder if ANYone knows
where Tipperary is...

(KARA STRUGGLES BUT CAN'T BREAK
FREE)

SCENE 12 (CONT'D)

BILLY:

Kara, where's Tipperary?

KARA:

Ah...I don't know...

STACY:

Do you want to look it up
in the atlas?

KARA:

Ah...maybe later, after
this show.

(STACY AND BILLY WALK AWAY)

BILLY:

This is more serious than
I thought.

STACY:

We just better put a stop
to it.

BILLY:

Maybe you're right.

STACY:

Kids...oh kids...KIDS!!

(STACY GOES OVER)

STACY:

You've watched enough
TV...CAN YOU HEAR ME?

(IN ZOMBIE UNISON, THEY TURN TO
LOOK AT HER)

(STACY'S POV: THE EYES OF THE KIDS
ARE LIKE PINWHEELS SPINNING AROUND
IN THEIR HEADS)

SCENE 12 (CONT'D)

STACY:

YYYYYYYYIIIIII!!!!
That's it. No more TV.

(STACY SHUTS OFF THE TV'S AND PULLS
THE KIDS AWAY. THEIR EYES TURN
TO NORMAL AS WELL AS THEIR BE-
HAVIOR)

BECKY:

Hi, Aunt Stacy.

STACY:

I think you've watched
enough television.

KARA:

You're probably right.
Hey, we better get going.

STACY:

Where are you going?

BECKY:

I'm going to the
traveling zoo...

STACY:

They left town a few
hours ago.

DAN:

I'm going to the baseball
card show...

STACY:

You're too late. It's
closed.

KARA:

I'm going on a canoe
ride.

SCENE 12 (CONT'D)

STACY:

Billy had to put the
canoes away.

BECKY:

We missed everything?

STACY:

I'm afraid so, kids.

KARA, DAN & BECKY:

Wow...

(MESSENGER ENTERS WITH DOLLY ON
WHICH ARE TWO HUGE BOXES)

MESSENGER:

I have a delivery
for...Dan...Becky and
Kara.

(THE KIDS SHOW EXCITEMENT)

DAN:

The toys we ordered!

(THE MESSENGER WAVES GOODBYE AND
EXITS)

KARA:

Look at the size of those
boxes.

(THE KIDS OPEN THEIR BOXES AND DIG
DOWN DEEPER AND DEEPER THOUGH
PACKING PEANUTS)

(DAN TAKES OUT A SMALL PACKAGE THE
SIZE OF A BOX OF GREETING CARDS.
OPENS IT. IT'S SMALL)

(KARA TAKES OUT A DOLL THE SIZE OF
A CUPIE DOLL)

SCENE 12 (CONT'D)

DAN:

Johnny Tarantula looked a lot bigger on TV.

BECKY:

Missy Fussy shrunk.

KARA:

She's not saying anything. Hello...?

(BILLY TAKES OUT THE DIRECTIONS.
READS FROM A LARGE PIECE OF PAPER)

BILLY:

Let me see...It says Missy Fussy needs some special batteries.

BECKY:

What kind of batteries?

BILLY:

You have to send eight dollars...to...

(HE TURNS THE PAPERS AND LOOKS FOR AN ADDRESS)

BILLY:

Here it is...to Krakatowa, East of Java.

KARA:

Krakatowa is WEST of Java.

BILLY:

I think you're right.

BECKY:

I hate TV. They sold us junk. They stole our time.

SCENE 12 (CONT'D)

STACY:

They didn't steal your time. You gave it away.

KARA:

But they lied to us.

STACY:

Some people, not everybody, who try to sell you things, tend to exaggerate.

DAN:

What's exaggerate mean?

BILLY:

They'll say it's bigger, and better and more wonderful than it really is. And you just have to know that some people exaggerate.

(ENTER SCHEMER)

SCHEMER:

Hello happy campers. I have good news and bad news. First, the good news: No more free samples on my pay television. And the bad news is: You're not over there watching. Why?

KARA:

We've had enough TV to last us a while Schemer.

SCHEMER:

This is crazy. What are you going to do? Stare at the floor? What?

SCENE 12 (CONT'D)

(THE KIDS LOOK AROUND)

DAN:

Hey...look at those
boxes.

KARA:

We could make a fort.

BECKY:

And a big dinosaur out of
packing peanuts.

KARA:

Great.

SCHEMER:

You're telling me that
you can more fun with
empty boxes than you can
sitting in front of the
miracle of television.

DAN:

We can try...

(THE KIDS GATHER UP THE BOXES AND
HEAD OUT. MR. CONDUCTOR IS
LEANING OUT OF WINDOW, HEARING
THIS)

MR. CONDUCTOR:

Well am I glad to hear
that. Three cheers for
kids.

(V.O. SCHEMER PLEADING FOR THEM TO
RECONSIDER AS THEY EXIT)

(FADE OUT)